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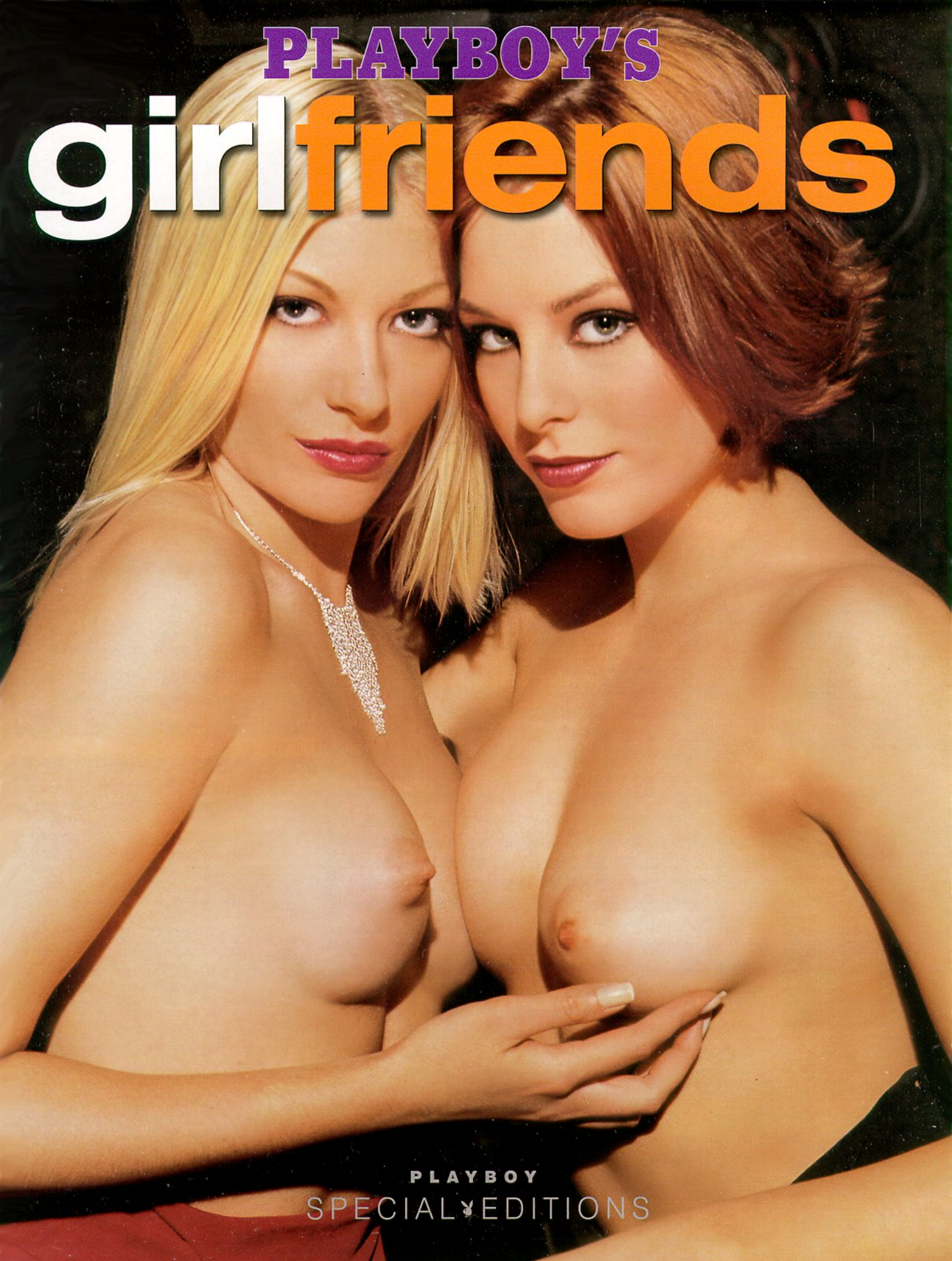
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"GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN...."

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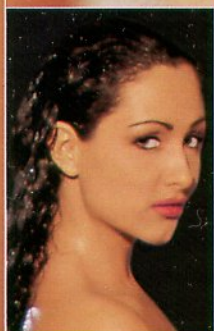


wine and dine our women and allow them into our hearts, minds and souls, it just isn't enough. There's a connection they need, a trust, a nonjudgemental exchange that we testosterone-injected creatures just can't provide. Enter the girlfriend. "What we get from a girlfriend that we can't get from a guy is a deep relationship without the complication of passion," observed cover girl Laurie Wallace (top). "There are things I can share with a girlfriend that I could never share with a guy. Plus girls are more faithful. Men will come and go but girlfriends always remain close. I can go long periods without a boyfriend, but not having a girlfriend, that I can't

do." Laurie's cover model companion, Cathi O'Malley (middle), agrees that girlfriends can call each other in the middle of the night, talk about anything and never make attempts to control each other like boyfriends do. But she does concede her best friend is a guy. "He's been with me for every major event in my life without fail," she says. "I was a real tomboy growing up and we just raised hell everywhere we went and stayed close through the years. We never dated or had sex, but we are as close as two people can be without being physical." Special Editions supermodel Katalina Verdin (bottom) finds fulfillment in her girlfriend relationships because of her need to give. "I love to compliment the beauty of other women and, of course, I love to receive praise in return. Women are very sensitive about their looks as well



as their feelings, and a girlfriend is there to make you feel good about yourself. Unfortunately, compliments from guys often come with sexual overtones. They're looking for something." Take note, guys, and try some altruistic praise to prove you're not a total pig. Katalina continues, "I need to trust people, because of my open nature and because I've been hurt too many times by possessive, insecure men. Whether it's a man or a woman, I need to give of myself emotionally and physically with all I have to give, and I trust my girlfriends more than my boyfriends." Maybe if we study these photos and make note of all those little touches, glances and subtle connections we can learn from Laurie, Cathi, Katalina and all the other women in our third edition of *Girlfriends*. Beyond the pictures, their needs are not for more girlfriends, but for boyfriends who are caring, sensitive and, of course, fun.



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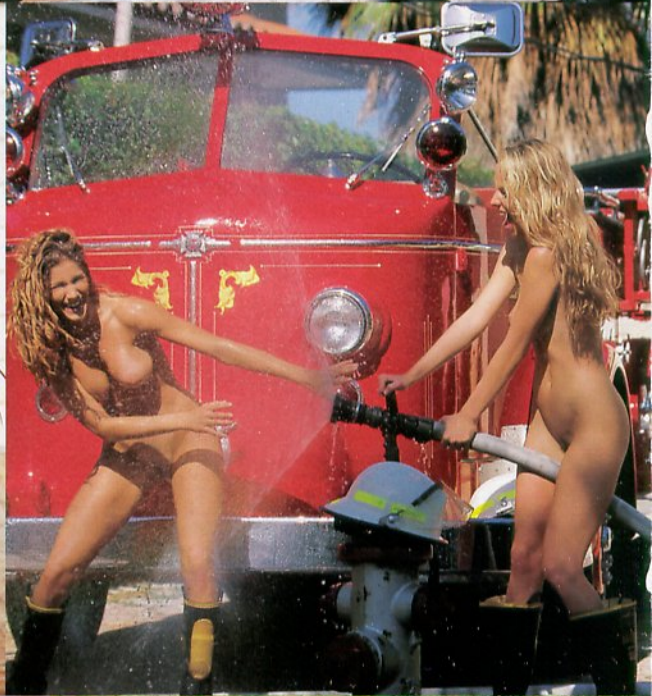
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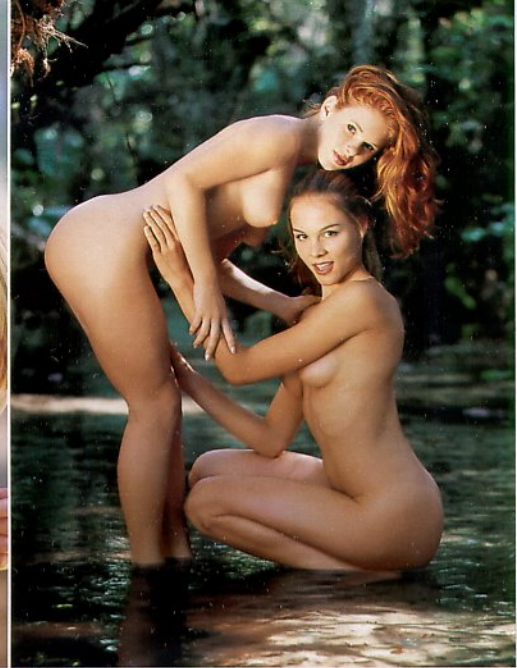








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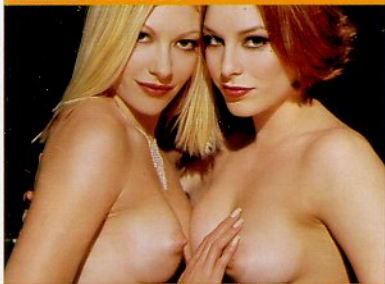






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JENNIFER ROVERO/SYDNEY MOON Did anything funny happen on the *Girlfriends* set. "Let's not go there!" Jennifer laughed. Still, she says she loved it. "It gave me the chance to be beautiful." Sydney agrees. "I'd tell anyone to go for it. I can't think of a better ego-booster or turn-on." *Mizuno*, 2-3, 30, 31, 32, 33.

CATHI O'MALLEY/LAURIE WALLACE Neither of our cover girls appears to be the shy type. We asked them to confess the craziest thing they ever did to get a man's attention. "This wasn't too subtle," Cathi says, "but I walked up to a guy, said, 'naked,' and walked away. He followed me around all night!" And Laurie? "Getting a man's attention has never been a problem for me because I'm such a flirt and an exhibitionist. Everything I do is crazy!" *Jeff Stella*, 1, 4-5, 6, 7, 8-9.

HEATHER SPYTEK/MARIE-CLAUDE DUBUC These 22-year-olds are both students, and each would like to give modeling a shot before settling into careers—Heather in psychology, Marie-Claude in pediatric medicine. In her spare time Heather enjoys dancing, singing and skydiving. Marie-Claude likes to travel, cook, horseback ride and work out. Any interesting moments on set? "A high-five moment," Heather says. "After being immersed in water all day there was a certain poetic justice in seeing Byron get soaked by waves." *Byron Newman*, 10, 11.

SASHA SINGLETON/ANGELA ALANIS When it comes to men, Sasha prefers a "hot, sexy, passionate Romeo who'll give me massages, whisper in my ear and know exactly how to make love to me." For Angela, the chemistry quotient depends on a guy's reaction when she says or does something unexpected or crazy. "If he laughs or joins in, he's my kind of guy." *Mizuno*, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17.

SUMMER GALLAGHER/MARISSA DEHKORDI From the it-pays-to-be-cute department: Summer once spotted a good-looking cop and did the obvious thing to get his attention—she floored it and sped up to 95 mph. "Oh yeah, he stopped me. I didn't get a ticket, but I didn't get a date either. He was married." Marissa, an avid dancer, says she's "still in shock" about shooting for *Playboy*. "It's something I've thought about since I first found my dad's issues." *Ric Moore*, 18-19, 20-21.

SYLVIA KELLY/SABRINA WELLS Both were born in Poland and now live in the Chicago area. Medicine is another common thread—Sylvia is studying to become a psychiatrist, Sabrina reads everything she can about diseases to better educate herself. "I believe in pushing the envelope," Sabrina says. "I once was afraid of heights, but now I'm ready to go skydiving." *Jeff Stella*, 22, 23, 24-25, 26, 27.

JENNY LILLEY/CHERYL STELL A career in showbiz is Jenny's goal, so college has been put on hold for now. Cheryl is studying graphic design with an eye on a future in marketing, but Houstonites may know her as one of Mikki's Mates—a cohort in Photo Production Coordinator Mikki Chernoff's radio show on 107.5 the Buzz. "Doing this *Girlfriends* spread was a lot of fun. Jenny and I got the benefit of a sauna doing it, and I can honestly say the shoot was hot!" *Ric Moore*, 28-29.

TRICIA WILDS/TINA FRITCH Daring and spontaneous, Tricia's idea of a great time would be to make love at the Lincoln Memorial. "It's out in the open, scenic and ever so illegal!" Tina's take on her *Girlfriends* shoot: "Overall it was awesome. The funniest part was taking an escorted tour of a stranger's house totally nude with passion-fruit drinks in our hands." *Jarmo Pohjaniemi*, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39.

VICTORIA LAYNE/DEENA THACKERSON They score off the beauty and personality charts now, but as kids there was plenty of room for improvement. Victoria: "I was skinny and threw daily tantrums." Deena: "I was shy, quiet, into music and animals, never in trouble—pretty much a nerd." *David Rams*, 40, 41, 42, 43.

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HEATHER CHRISTENSEN/HAILEY MEYERS Just appearing in a Special Edition, not to mention making the cover of one (*Natural Beauties*), was an unexpected thrill for Heather. "I'd never modeled before, but Playboy has given me the opportunity. It's been one of the best experiences of my life." Hailey is an old pro by comparison. This marks her fourth SE appearance. *Bo Hitchcock*, 44, 45, 46-47, 48, 49.

CLAIRE LENG/ABIGAIL TOYNE On the lookout for the right guy, Claire says the bells haven't gone off yet. "I'm always in lust, but so far I've never been in love." Abigail isn't sure what she's looking for in a man either, but she can guarantee he won't have big feet or "a spotty bum." *Byron Newman*, 50-51, 52, 53, 54-55.

THAI ANH/KALLA YU Though born in Saigon, Vietnam and Lawrence, Kansas respectively, Thai and Kalla both ended up as college students in California—Thai majoring in physical therapy, Kalla studying biology. *Mizuno*, 56-57.

MELISSA ARNOLD/ANGELA TAYLOR Are looks or personality more important in a man? "If I said personality," Melissa says, "I'd be lying. Looks are what get your attention. A great personality is what keeps your attention!" Angela takes the opposite view. "I'd like to say looks, but it always comes down to personality with me." Guess it pays to work on both. *Byron Newman*, 58, 59, 60-61, 62, 63.

AMY MILLER/MELANIE MOLICA "I was amazed at how comfortable I felt on set," first-timer Melanie reports. "Everyone was wonderful." Amy, who's been in more than half a dozen Special Editions, still feels honored working with Playboy and being "part of history." *Gen Nishino*, 64, 65, 66-67, 68, 69, 70-71.

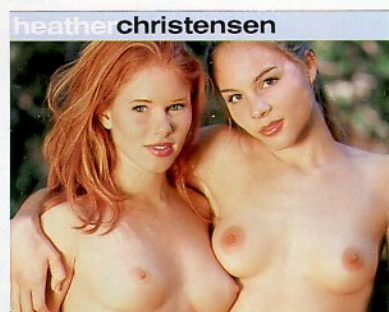
JOY BEHRMAN/GENEVIEVE MICHELLE A comparison of favorites. Perfume? Joy: Envy by Gucci. Genevieve: Allure by Chanel. Male feature? JB: Face and eyes. GM: Eyebrows. Sport to play? JB: Tennis. GM: Gymnastics. Sport to watch? JB: Basketball. GM: Football. Favorite pastimes? JB: Working out, reading, photography. GM: Reading, writing poetry, weight training. *Bo Hitchcock*, 72, 73, 74-75.

LISA BANGERT/KIRSTY SMITH After a four-year absence from SE pages, Lisa returns with this fellow Brit. Neither one has a hangup about nudity. "No expensive clothing," Kirsty attests, "can beat the beauty of a healthy, toned naked body. Posing for Playboy fulfilled a personal dream. I loved every minute!" Any family fallout? "None at all," Kirsty says. "Even though I gave up a good university placement to model, they still support me 100 percent." *Byron Newman*, 76, 77.

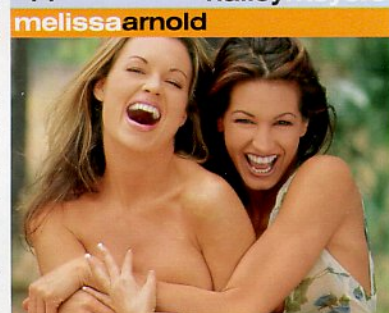
CAROL CUNNINGHAM/CYNTHIA KAYE These Canadian girls share a love for dogs, sports and hanging out with friends and family. Carol says she never stays in one place too long. She's either socializing, shooting hoops, clubbing or playing with her pit bull. Cynthia is more of a homebody, but loves getting outside and taking long runs with her black lab. *Ivan Otis*, 78-79, 80, 81, 82-83.

BRIDGETT WISE/DARCY LYNN Wildly outgoing and happy, Bridgett lives by the motto "Be real and be true to yourself." Underneath that angelic face, she assures us, is a "crazy lady who doesn't give a *#@&—someone who's fun and always positive." Darcy's motto just happens to be "What the *#@&?" so we suspect the two had a wild and crazy time on this shoot. "Oh yeah, it was fun," Darcy confirms. "With two wild women, the shaving cream shots got pretty messy!" *David Rams*, 84, 85.

KATALINA VERDIN/SUSAN WALL Her selection as a Readers' Choice finalist this year boosted Katalina's confidence, but she still considers herself lucky to model. "It's something I never thought would really happen." Her friend Susan, who debuted in last month's GOS, was "ecstatic" to get the gig—"except for the part when Katalina smeared lipstick on my face!" *Byron Newman*, 86-87, 88-89, 90, 91.



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✂ Is there any issue now or in the past that contains pictures of female bodybuilders and fitness stars? I thought there was an issue a few years ago called *Hardbodies*. I would like to buy that issue, and please tell me if there are any more like that, in the past or future. Thank you. ...P.T.

Yes, we have published two "*Hardbodies*" magazines, one in 1996 and another in 1999. You can order those back issues at www.playboystore.com. Also, be on the lookout for our upcoming issue that focuses on sexy women athletes, featuring a lot of hardbodies as well.

✂ I was pleased with your May/June BOL. It was one of the best I've seen in a while. I liked the fact that there were some excellent butt shots. I was especially pleased with the pictures of Milan Nalina. She sure got my pulse racing. She is hot! ...Ruben



✂ I have been a faithful reader of your Special Editions, and my favorites are the following: *Nudes*, *Girlfriends*, *Natural Beauties*, *Wet & Wild*, *Playmate Review* and *Nude Playmates*. I enjoy *Nudes* the most, because when I see a woman completely nude I am witnessing one of God's masterpieces. When I see women with even as much as one shoe on, or wearing a piece of jewelry, I see status, not true natural beauty. The completely nude form shows complete freedom, and I would think that the women you show feel the same way and would have to be very uninhibited. The other Special Editions do show some clothing, shoes and jewelry, but for the most part they show the completely nude form, and that is why I purchase them. Keep up the great work, and keep on publishing your truly awesome masterpieces. Thank you. ...L.C.

Hey, faithful reader, take a deep breath and relax. We know that our models are masterpieces, but if seeing one shoe or a ring on a finger sets you off, maybe you're looking at the wrong thing. Focus on the girls, not what they're wearing, and you'll be fine.



✂ I just got the new *Natural Beauties* and it is a great issue. I was extremely happy to see more of Kelly Monaco, Lynn Thomas, Elisa Bridges and Petra Verkaik.

But Sylvia Kelly has really captured my heart. Wow, she is truly a girl next door, and she has an amazingly natural look. That is what I love about her. She has a great body and a beautiful face, but I still would not be afraid to go up to her and say "Hi." ...Mike

✂ I just picked up *Natural Beauties*, and I have only one thing to say: Run, don't walk, to make Heather Christensen and Hailey Meyers Playmates. There is a coy charm and an easy innocence in their pictures that really captures not only their essence, but the Playboy essence as well. ...M.K.

If you liked those shots, then we're sure you loved the pix of Heather and Hailey in this issue (on pages 44-49). The future looks bright for both.



✂ Dear Playboy Special Editions (and Hef), I have been a big fan of your Special Editions since I bought *Girls of Summer '89*. The photography and the women are beautiful. My current favorite models are Joy Behrman, Elisa Bridges and Echo Johnson. I have a few suggestions: more full frontal nudity; keep *Natural Beauties* coming every year; how about another *Nude Playmates*?; and how about another *World Wide Nudes*? Also, whatever happened to my favorite Playmate of all time, Lisa Matthews? Keep up the good work. ...J.P.L.

Thanks for the positive feedback and suggestions. Don't forget to pick up our latest issue of "*Natural Beauties*." And for being such a devoted fan, here's a nice shot of your pal Lisa.

✂ Thanks so much for the great recent Special Edition issue, *College Girls*. I truly enjoy seeing those girls from Arizona State, especially Carolee Bass, who is a total goddess! She is what makes life worth living. She has the most beautiful face on earth. She also has the prettiest eyes and the best figure I have ever seen. I wouldn't mind going camping with her myself! Carolee is definitely Playmate material. After seeing her posing in your *College Girls* issue, Arizona State is now my top choice for college. Thank you for your magazines and you can bet that I am going to be a long time subscriber. Keep finding great girls like Carolee and keep coming back to Arizona State. ...R.A.



✂ It's very cool that you asked your fans to vote on a future *Girlfriends* cover on your Special Editions Web site. I really liked cover number four—the white one with Laurie Wallace blowing on Cathi O'Malley's neck. It was way hot. I hope you do much more voting stuff like that in the future. ...D.L.

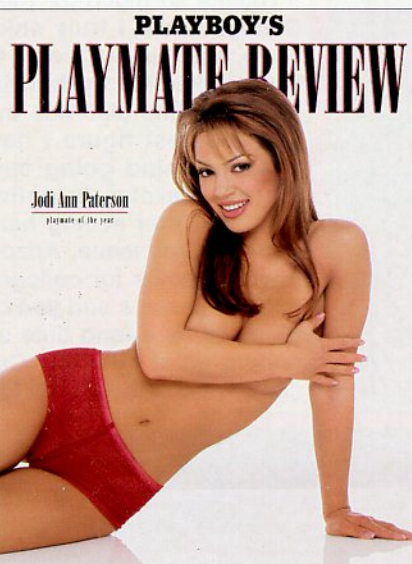
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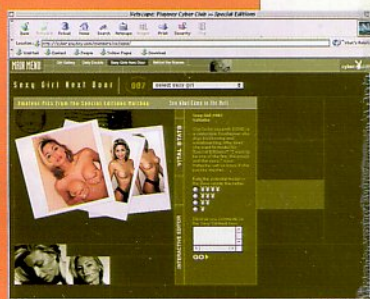
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